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SUBJECT: US-JAPAN ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES

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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED STATUS OF US-GOJ ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES WITH OFFICIAL IN ENVIRONMENT AGENCY (EA) MAY 28 AND GATHERED FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

RE REFTEL (A), PARA FOUR, EA UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THERE ARE TEN PROJECTS, INCLUDING INDUSTRIAL WASTE WATER TREATMENT TECHNOLOGY. GOJ PROJECT COORDINATOR IS HIROSHI NASU, RESEARCH COORDINATOR FOR INDUSTRIAL POLLUTION, GENERAL COORDINATION DEPARTMENT, AGENCY OF INDUSTRIAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, MITI (MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY). EMBOFF WILL CHECK FURTHER INTO APPARENT MISUNDERSTANDING AS TO NUMBER OF JOINT PROJECTS.

2. RE PARA FIVE, TAKASHI YAMAZAKI, DIRECTOR, PLANNING DIVISION, WATER SUPPLY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION DEPARTMENT, MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE (MHW), WHICH SERVES AS SECRETARIAT FOR JAPANESE PANEL ON THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROJECT, HAS INFORMED EMBOFF THAT TSUTOMU FUKUDA, DIRECTOR-GENERAL, WATER SUPPLY
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AND ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION DEPARTMENT, REMAINS CO-CHAIRMAN

OF THE PROJECT. FUKUDA DID RECEIVE HICKMAN'S LETTER OF 11/21/74, BUT HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO REPLY AS SELECTION OF TECHNICAL EXPERTS ON SEVEN AREAS OF POTENTIAL MUTUAL INTEREST HAS TAKEN TIME. THE SECRETARIAT HAS ASSURED EMBOFF, HOWEVER, THAT FUKUDA WILL DIRECTLY RESPOND TO USPROPOSAL WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS.

3. RE PARA SIX, MINISTER OZAWA IS VERY INTERESTED IN GOING TO US THIS YEAR, IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER, FOR FOURTH US-JAPAN MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION. EA THEREFORE IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN US REACTION TO ITS LATEST PROPOSALS FOR BILATERAL AGREEMENT, LOOKING TO POSSIBILITY THAT AGREEMENT MIGHT BE SIGNED AT CONFERENCE. EA OFFICIAL ALSO MENTIONED SLIGHT POSSIBILITY THAT PRIME MINISTER MIKI (FORMER DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF EA) MIGHT WANT TO SIGN ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT DURING HIS PROJECTED TRIP TO US IN EARLY AUGUST.

4. RE REFTELS (B) AND (C), DIRECTOR OF AUTOMOBILE POLLUTION CONTROL DIVISION IN EA IS MR. KAZUO NIWA: WHO REPLACED IKUO KOBAYASHI ON MAY 24. AS CHAIRMAN OF ONE OF JOINT PROJECT AREAS, HE WILL BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS EPA MIGHT SEND DIRECTLY TO HIM. EMBOFF HAS REQUESTED COPY OF REGULATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON STUDY OF PLATINUM METHYLATES AND WILL FORWARD TO EPA AS SOON AS RECEIVED.
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